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METHOD AND HYDROCARBON ...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:Add the Abstract provided herewith in **Attachment A** to the application.**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A clean version of the amended claims is provided herewith in **Attachment B**. It will be noted that claims 3, 6, 7 and 9 have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment C** provided herewith.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims have been rewritten to reduce the multiple dependencies.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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